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SUBJECT: CANADIAN BEEF IMPORT QUOTAS

1. AT 11:20 A.M. TODAY EMBASSY WAS INVITED BY  
EXTAFF TO PICK UP AN ADVANCE COPY OF BACKGROUND  
PAPERS ON INTERNATIONAL MEAT TRADE WHICH WERE  
TO BE ISSUED TO PRESS AT NOON. COVERING NOTE  
ON PAPERS STATES THAT THEY ARE BEING ISSUED  
AS OF POSSIBLE GENERAL INTEREST IN VIEW OF U.S.  
TIC HEARINGS OPENING TODAY IN WASHINGTON. PAPERS  
INCLUDE "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS IN  
THE INTERNATIONAL BEEF MARKET", "CHRONOLOGY OF  
EVENTS INFLUENCING THE NORTH AMERICAN CATTLE  
AND BEEF INDUSTRY", "CANADA/USA PORK TRADE", AND  
VARIOUS STATISTICAL TABLES. COPIES BEING POUCHED  
TO STATE/EB (KATZ) AND EUR/CAN (BROWN) AND  
AGRICULTURE/FAS (HUME).

2. PAPERS ARE PRESENTED ESSENTIALLY AS STRAIGHT-  
FORWARD FACTUAL MATERIAL BUT ARE OBVIOUSLY  
DESIGNED TO SUPPORT CANADIAN SIDE OF CASE. FOR  
EXAMPLE, THEY DESCRIBE IN SOME DETAIL CONSEQUENCES  
OF U.S. PRICE FREEZE ON MARKET DEVELOPMENTS,  
TARIFF "DISPARITIES" BETWEEN U.S. AND CANADA IN  
TREATMENT OF BEEF AND CATTLE, AND RESTRICTIVE  
ACTIONS TAKEN BY EC AND JAPAN.

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EM REFERRING TO GOC BEEF QUOTAS, THE COVERING  
NOTE ASSERTS: "IN KEEPING WITH CANADA'S TRADE  
AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS WITH THE U.S., THE CANADIAN  
GOVERNMENT ADVISED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE OF  
THE INTENDED ACTION AND SUBSEQUENTLY HELD CONSULTATIONS  
WITH THEM." USING SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LANGUAGE TO  
MAKE THE SAME POINT, BACKGROUND PAPER ON BEEF PROBLEM  
STATES" "... CANADA NOTIFIED ITS MAJOR SUPPLIERS IN  
ADVANCE OF THE QUOTA IMPOSITION AND OFFERED TO CONSULT  
ON THE EFFECTS OF THIS ACTION. SUBSEQUENTLY, CANADA  
HAS HAD BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED  
STATES, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

"IN KEEPING WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
OBLIGATIONS, CANADA INFORMED THE GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TRADE AND TARIFFS (GATT) OF THE PURPOSE AND  
SCOPE OF THE IMPORT QUOTAS. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT  
SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED THE GATT THAT THE IMPORT  
QUOTAS WERE IMPOSED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE EMERGENCY  
ACTION PROVISIONS OF THE GNERAL AGREEMENT.  
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